04-10412-10387
CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
RELEASE IN FULL
JFK ACT
01-04-99
RELEASE

JOACHIM JOESTEN
87-70 173rd Street, Jamaica, New York, N.Y. 11432
Present (temporary) address: Munich 13, Griegstrasse 13, bei Rahim
Germany

Dear Sir/ Madam:

Please find enclosed a sample copy of "Truth Letter", a unique kind of publication, dedicated solely to "assassination news".

Specifically, "Truth Letter" is designed to keep readers of my many printed books about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy (s. attached list) abreast of current developments in the case, including in particular the progress of the Garrison investigation. In addition, "Truth Letter" will also keep you informed about the true background and hidden aspects of the two other political murder cases intimately linked to the "Crime of the Century", to wit assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy and the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King.

As you will surely have found out for yourself, the press and the other news media are engaging in a veritable conspiracy of silence concerning the results of the Garrison enquiry. They ignore or distort everything that comes out of this investigation - and the more sensational the news is, the more firmly it is ~~suppressed~~ suppressed.

To anyone, then, who wants to keep up to date in this vitally important matter, "Truth Letter" will be indispensable reading. I feel sure, therefore, you would not want to miss a single issue. So please fill out the subscription order blank, attached beloew, to ensure prompt delivery to you of the next and subsequent issues.

Sincerely yours, Joachim Joesten

(Overseas subscribers please use airmail)

==========

Mr. Joachim Joesten
Munich 13, Griegstrasse 13, bei Rahim
Germany

Please enter my subscription to TRUTH LETTER for the period indicated below:

☐ one year, $ 45.00 ☐ six months, $ 25.00 ☐ three months, $ 15.00

☐ I enclose check or money order ☐ Bill me later

Name:

Address:

Document Number 1239-499
for FOIA Review on FEB 1977

Joachim Joesten's

TRUTH LETTER

An Antidote to Official Mendacity and Newsfaking in the Press

Vol. I. No. 5 November 15, 1968

Another CIA Hoax

What's Really Behind That Phony Nixon Assassination Plot

Those Arabs are really getting troublesome, aren't they?

Not content with having assassinated Presidential candidate Robert Kennedy, they now take on President-elect Richard Nixon. By Allah, who knows if tomorrow they aren't going to vent their spleen on poor old grandpa LBJ himself, by blasting him right out of his rocking chair!

The truth of the matter is, of course, that the whole thing is just another hoax concocted by the CIA for shoring up that all too rickety "motive" Sirhan Sirhan is supposed to have had in killing Sen. Kennedy.

The forthcoming Sirhan trial, now scheduled to begin December 9, is very much on the minds of the CIA strategists these days. Not that there is much of a chance that that trial will ever be held - any more than the James Earl Ray trial or the Clay Shaw trial. Each and all of these cases hold the threat of exposing CIA skulduggery and therefore they all must and will be stopped at all costs, one way or the other.

But if by any chance Sirhan should reach the courtroom alive, great care must be taken to publicize his "motive" again and again before the defendant is disposed of. And if he hangs himself in his cell, falls out of a window or dies of instant cancer, like Ruby, it will be a good thing for the world to know that here goes a young fanatic so carried away by his hatred for Israel that he felt a compulsion to kill the Catholic Robert Kennedy.

Gullible beyond belief as most Americans are, there has been some balking at the logic and likelihood of such a cause-and-effect relationship. The number of those who couldn't quite bring themselves to believe that ultra-phony story has been substantially greater from the start than the number of people who were immediately sceptical of the official account of how and why President Kennedy was killed.

So it became an urgent task for the CIA masterminds to come up with a corroborative incident that would make people say: "Well, it seems to be true, after all, Kennedy was the victim of Arab spite because he had put in a good word for Israel some time ago. Look at those other Arabs who also wanted to get Nixon for the same reason!"

The newsfakers, of course, jumped at the occasion to ingratiate themselves with the powers-that-be. When Ahmed R. Namer and his two sons were arrested, the Associated Press on Nov. 11 put out a dispatch that included this hypocritical paragraph: "No motive for the alleged plot

had been revealed but Nixon, like Kennedy, has said the United States is committed to maintain Israel's military superiority over its Arab foes."

Newspapers around the world picked up this cue. For instance, the German mass circulation daily Bild promptly trumpeted: "Evidently the motive is the same as in the assassination of Senator Kennedy."

To make the deception complete, the "official sources" who had first implanted this suggestion in reporters' minds, acted coy. It would be "pure speculation," they announced, to see a link between the two cases "at this time." The next day, however, the same sources "revealed" that the three Yemenis had made several trips to Los Angeles recently. Ergo, they must have been in touch with Sirhan.

Besides, where did those poor immigrants get the money for such expensive travels? an FBI spokesman wondered aloud. He might have added: "And where did they get the huge sum which they had offered to the (still unidentified) marksman who was to have taken the contract for shooting Nixon, but who backed out of the deal and gave the show away?"

Where, indeed, did all that money come from?

Pressed to answer that question, the authorities next began to hint darkly that Namer may have been a Soviet intelligence agent. To bolster that assumption, they then pretended to have found "subversive" literature at his home. The old Oswald story all over again.

And it is precisely the sameness of the pattern, the recurrence of the same old tricks, the fabrication of a seemingly plausible motive where there is none that betray the guiding hand of the CIA in this affair as in the two Kennedy murders and the James Earl Ray case.

The CIA has a lot of Arabs on its strings, just as it has a lot of shady characters of every other race or nationality on its payroll. Whether Sirhan and Namer were unwitting dupes of the CIA, or willing tools, remains to be seen. Most likely they were used, double-crossed and thrown to the wolves, just like those other two CIA operatives, Oswald and Ruby - and some others as well.

One thing is certain: the Zionist issue is just a red herring drawn across the trail by cunning plotters in order to camouflage the real issues at stake. Robert Kennedy was murdered by the CIA and LBJ because he had the presidency within his grasp (who can doubt that he would have defeated Nixon if even Humphrey came close to doing it?) and the assassins of President Kennedy could not afford a re-opening of the sham investigation into his death conducted by the Warren Commission. And the Nixon plot was concocted to lend plausibility to the spurious motive for that killing. A contributing cause was the desire by the real conspirators to make it appear as though the scales of political murder in the United States were evenly balanced. This is their answer to those who have been wondering why only leading Liberals have been the targets of assassins' bullets since Lyndon B. Johnson became Vice-President. By rigging up a phony plot against a staunch Conservative like Nixon, they try to give the impression that assassination is a general risk in politics whereas in fact the murderers are always on the Right and the victims always on the Left.

Since the Gestapo went out of business, the CIA has been the world's No. 1 criminal organization. Its methods are several rungs below those of the Mafia (with which it is closely allied). Its favorite practice is to squeeze every ounce of usefulness out of its operatives and then frame them on a murder charge or some other phony rap.

Marguerite Oswald's Pathetic Plea

Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, the most abused, reviled and libelled mother in America, has appealed to President-elect Nixon to re-open the Kennedy-Oswald case. Her pathetic plea for justice, however, is most likely to fall on deaf ears. The American Establishment is made up in almost equal parts of Democrats and Republicans and it is committed to only one goal - self-preservation. It was, after all, a Republican, Earl Warren, who instead of exposing the monstrous crime committed by the Southern Democrat Lyndon B. Johnson moved heaven and earth to cover up for it.

The latest example of bipartisan complicity with the assassins of President John F. Kennedy is afforded by the decision of Governor Ronald Reagan of California not to extradite Edgar Eugene Bradley to Louisiana for trial as a co-conspirator against President Kennedy (see TRUTH LETTER, No. 2 - "The Ill-Smelling Bradley Affair"). While the ruling was made on specious technical grounds, its obvious purpose was to erect another stumbling-block in the path of District Attorney Jim Garrison.

Not that it matters much at this juncture whether or not Bradley is extradited. As long as the case of the chief defendant, Clay Shaw, is being held up by the Supreme Court (TRUTH LETTER, No. 1 - "Stalling Off Justice"), Bradley and all the other accomplices are safe enough. The Establishment knows how to take care of its own.

Garrison Going for Broke

"District Attorney Jim Garrison is literally broke," an inside source recently wrote to TRUTH LETTER. It seemed hardly believable at the time, but further inquiries have brought out that "Truth and Consequences," the group of New Orleans businessmen who had pledged to finance the Garrison investigation is drying up as a source of funds. And the amount of money available to Garrison for that purpose from the city treasury is totally inadequate for an enquiry of such vast scope.

The opposition is well aware of this situation and has developed a new tactic of aggravating Garrison's financial problems as much as possible. A case in point is that of Fred Lee Crisman, alias Fred Lee, alias Dr. Jon Gold who was subpoenaed to appear before the New Orleans Grand Jury on November 21,1968. In reply, the witness, who had received from Garrison a check for $ 500 for the trip from Tacoma, Washington, where he lives, to New Orleans, asked for additional expense money so that his lawyer could accompany him. If the request is granted, the DA will be out of pocket to the tune of at least $ 1,000 for this one witness alone.

However, Crisman apparently is worth the expenditure. He is a former "business partner" of Thomas Edward Beckham, that peculiar "evangelist-entertainer" who testified before the New Orleans Grand Jury for six hours on February 9, 1968. Beckham, a close friend of the late David Ferrie who was high up on the local CIA ladder, and a chief suspect of Garrison's in the early stage of his investigation, was questioned extensively by a four-man team of DA's assistants and by Garrison himself. These circumstances indicate that Beckham knows a lot about the assassination and perhaps had something to do with it, though no charges have been filed yet against him. The same goes apparently also for Crisman and that makes him well worth the price - even if Garrison is broke.

How to Groom a Witness

When and if the trial of James Earl Ray finally takes place, you will be hearing a great deal about an alleged star witness named Charles Quitman Stephens. His case is a prime example of the way potential witnesses are groomed and coached in America to serve the cause of injustice.

At the time Dr. Martin Luther King was shot in Memphis, Stephens, who lived on a modest pension in Mrs. Bessie Brewer's flophouse, was tinkering with his radio in the tiny kitchen of his $ 10-a-week apartment next to the bathroom wherefrom the shot allegedly was fired. The noise caused him to look out into the hallway, where he got a fleeting glimpse of a man scurrying down the stairs, a bundle in his right hand.

Prior to charging Eric Starvo Galt, who is supposedly identical with James Earl Ray, with the murder of Dr. King on April 17,1968, FBI agents had shown a photograph of the wanted man to Mr. Stephens. According to an AP dispatch from Birmingham, Ala. (where the warrant for Galt's arrest was issued), dated April 17,1968, Stephens failed to identify the man in the picture as the one he had seen: "Unless he was wearing a wig or had had a face lift or something, it's not the man I saw," Stephens stated unequivocally and he added, "The hair is too full and the face is too young."

Next, Stephens found himself in the custody of the Memphis police as a "material witness." He was lodged in the Shelby County Jail where he soon changed his mind about testifying. When the extradition hearing concerning Ray was held in London on June 27, 1968, the representative of the US Government read an affidavit by Stephens stating, among other things, that on April 24, -i.e. about ten days after he had first been questioned by the FBI and had denied seeing Ray -he had identified an FBI "wanted profile" as very much like the man he had seen. A complete about-face, then, which was clearly due to police pressure.

Time magazine, in its issue of Sept. 13,1968, reported that Stephens, after he had "identified" Ray and thereby "leaped to importance as central witness," was first free to come and go as he pleased, but accompanied by a bodyguard while at the County Jail. But - "he was away too often to suit the police." So in July Stephens was imprisoned on $ 10,000 bail which he couldn't raise. However, he found a couple of clever lawyers and in late August he was "sprung" on a writ of habeas corpus. "Last week Stephens was free and living in a small, police-protected apartment in Memphis." One gathers he never had it so good as when he became a cooperative "central witness."

A Snug Place Where to Hide

Ralph Yarborough, the senior senator from Texas, whose perennial feud with Lyndon B. Johnson is well-known, recently told a friend - and even offered a bet on it-that his opponent in the 1970 senatorial primary would be none other than good old LBJ. So the Usurper, who about the same time was being billed as the nation's greatest traveling teacher-to-be (think of it, he has received more than 40 offers to lecture at colleges and universities!) is eying the Senate again.

Why? Because for a criminal of LBJ's caliber there could be no better place where to hide than the US Senate. His old friends in that cozy club will never allow Johnson to go to trial for the murder of President Kennedy, even if the prosecution puts the evidence on the table - as some day it will.

The new book by Joachim Joesten T R I L O G Y O F M U R D E R
An analysis and interpretation of the John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King assassinations. -Copyright 1968 by J.Joesten

(continued from Vol.I.No.4, p. 5) Sirhan of the C.I.A.

"His full name is given as Sirhan Bishara Sirhan Abu Khatar," the dispatch by Jon Kimche in the London Evening Standard went on to say. "He was first brought to the United States as a four-year-old child in 1948 - not in 1957."

According to the official version, Sirhan in 1957 immigrated to the U.S. with his parents and never left the country again after that. All the accounts of his life published in the American press agree on this point. For instance, Life magazine, in the context of what purports to be a complete roundup of Sirhan's background and movements, flatly stated on July 8, 1968, that the Sirhans emigrated to the U.S. in January 1957 and that Sirhan B. Sirhan then was 12.

This is the first clear-cut indication of underhanded dealings, for, as we shall presently see, Kimche's contrary information is based on excellent authority. Why was the date of Sirhan's arrival in the U.S. altered so drastically? Why was that fact that the immigrant did leave the country again, not just once, but several times, suppressed? Jon Kimche's report provides if not the answer, at least a plausible hint:

"He returned to Jordan in 1957 and the records show that he was married in the Orthodox Church at Es Salt, 15 miles west of Amman on June 27, 1957, when he was only 13, to Leila Yussef Mikhael from Es Salt."

Let us stop here again for a moment, as the picture of official deception comes clearer into focus. Not a word has been breathed in the American press - which obtained most of its information in the case from government sources - about the fact that young Sirhan the year he was supposed to have first come to the U.S. actually returned to his homeland to get married. No mention has been made even of the fact that he is or was married. Yet there can be no doubt whatsoever that Mr. Kimche's information is correct, for it abounds in details that can easily be verified: the name of the bride; her hometown; the Church where the young couple were married. The story also brings out another important fact which has been deliberately hushed up - that Sirhan is a Christian Arab. While Christian Arabs are also as a rule antagonistic towards Israel, they are seldom filled with the fanatical hatred of that country which inspires their Moslem countrymen. Thus the hitherto concealed fact that Sirhan is a Christian makes the motive attributed to him in the Kennedy killing even more implausible than it was before.

"Later that year Sirhan returned to the United States," Mr. Kimche continues, "and three months later his wife was brought to him. The records of his journey are not very precise and probably not very important, as both husband and wife were little more than children.

"Rather more interest centers on three later journeys which Sirhan made, especially on the last two which, according to this investigation, were made in 1964 and 1966.

"In 1964 Sirhan, according to these records, returned to the Middle East for seven months, four of which he spent in Damascus. Where he was for the rest of the time is not stated." (to be continued in No.6)

TRUTH LETTER is published every other week by Joachim Joesten, 87-70 175th Street, New York 11432, USA.